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Sir:

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application having a mailing date of March 4, 2003 and for which a period for response of two (2) months from the mailing date of said Notice is set to expire May 4, 2002.

Enclosed is a Declaration by the present Inventors. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the surcharge of \$ 130.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16(e). A copy of this Response is enclosed. Issuance of a formal Filing Receipt is respectfully solicited.

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